



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK
March 14-20, 2004

WHEREAS, the prairies of North Dakota provide an environment that is conducive to wildfires, resulting in more than 700 wildfires each year burning on average more than 37,000 acres, threatening lives, property and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of the wildfires in North Dakota are caused by human activity and are, therefore, preventable; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Fire Council, comprised of local, state, tribal and federal fire and land management officials, is actively educating North Dakotans about the prevention of wildfires and the protection of people and property in the event of a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, wildfire awareness, planning and prevention is important to the health and safety of all North Dakotans, and education plays a key role in raising awareness about fire in our environment, reducing the risks and increasing public and firefighter safety; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 14-20, 2004, **WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State